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Years in
Business

Pivot Charter School

Pivot Charter School, North Valley is a public charter school serving students in Grades 6 – 12. They provide a blended learning program using an online curriculum coupled with classes and teacher support in a safe, caring environment. Schoolwork can be completed anywhere there is an internet connection, and the site in Chico is open daily for students who need one-on-one and small group tutoring, hands-on project experience or social interaction. The school also offers field trips for education and socialization outside the classroom, as well as clubs like drone coding, music and art.

Executive Director Jayna Gaskell is passionate about education and very proud of the work



Pivot is doing in the community. She has worked in education for 30 years, and understands that while every child is capable of learning, not every child learns the same way. Pivot is providing an alternative for students who need to learn a little differently, and she finds great joy in watching a student who previously struggled in school find success at Pivot.



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Climent Construction

Owner
Chuck Climent

A good contractor is always busy. That is why Chuck of Climent Construction has been working tirelessly since 1994. He started a local family run business, just like most people as a side job to pay the bills.

After discovering his talent and newfound passion he strove to make it on his own. That feeling of finishing a project with an overwhelming sense of accomplishment is all Chuck needs to make sure every project is at its best. Every new project has its details and has needed personal touches that really show when the work is finished.



Chuck does not do shortcuts in his work, shortcuts show up in the long run. That's why he brought along great craftsman, like John and Jerry, in order to make every house a home. Chuck has been constantly searching for new ways of improving homes and loves the ever-changing dynamic of home life. He is an expert from new smart home features like automatic skylights to gorgeous whole home restorations.



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Tress said. Co-workers stepped up and took over shifts so she could take care of paperwork; the company paid her salary no questions asked.

Von Tress launched a GoFundMe drive, which raised \$37,000. Most of the donors, he said, were friends of his and vendors that do business with Collision Pros. That money was distributed to those affected, based on the level of loss.

"I didn't have to worry about my paycheck or my job," Parr Lay said. "They told me, 'We've got your back.' I've never had that at a job before. They really care about people here."

Parr Lay had worked for Classic

The Collision Pros shop in Paradise was among the casualties of the Camp Fire. A new space is expected to be open on the Ridge within a few months.

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Auto Body in Paradise for a decade before Von Tress bought it two years ago. He kept her on—she's a claims adjuster—in the Chico office.

As for business on the Ridge, Von Tress understands it might be slow for the foreseeable future—maybe in five years that shop will once again see the sales it saw pre-Camp Fire. Nevertheless, he is determined to maintain a presence there. He signed a lease on a new building on Pearson Road last week; he expects the shop will be up and running by May.

"I'll probably have a hard time staffing it," he said of the Paradise shop. "One guy left us to go to work for hazardous-waste cleanup. Another gal lost her child care I'm just going to have to figure that out for a while."

"We don't mind losing a little bit," he added, "because we want to be back in the community, to support the community."

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